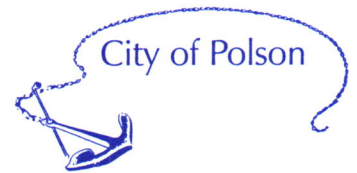




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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR  
RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)**

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or before March 11, 2016 the above-named City of Polson will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383) for the following project:

City of Polson Wastewater Treatment System Improvements  
Construction of a new mechanical treatment plan within the footprint of the existing lagoon (Cell 1) in Polson, Flathead County, Montana.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named City of Polson has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The overall impact of the facility will be minimal in the context of overall area of either the construction process of the final facility. The resulting footprint will be a fraction of the current facility. The area north of the lagoons will be disturbed as part of the construction staging and mobilization area and/or temporary sludge drying area. No additional mitigation measures are necessary to reduce impacts to an insignificant level.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named City of Polson. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of CDBG project funds.

### Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Polson to the office of City of Polson on or before March 7, 2015. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Polson will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

### Release of Funds

The City of Polson will undertake the project described above with CDBG funds provided by DOC under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. City of Polson is certifying to DOC that Mark Shrives, City Manager, in his official capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Polson may use the CDBG funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

### Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after March 29, 2016 will be considered by DOC.

Mark Shrives, City Manager, Environmental Certifying Officer  
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